REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application prior to entering this amendment.

Claims 5-8 and 10 are objected to.

Claims 1-4, 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 3, 5, 9, and 10 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1 and 6-8 are currently amended.

No new matter is added.

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-8 remain in the case for consideration.

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Allowable subject Matter

Claims 5-8, 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claims 3 and 5, thus placing this claim in condition for allowance.

Claims 9 and 10 are cancelled because they were essentially duplicates of claims 4 and 5, respectively.

The remaining claims are dependent upon allowable claim 1 and thus share its allowability.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of the claims of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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